

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A package containing a semiconductor element comprising:
a housing containing a semiconductor element; and
a pair of positioning holes and a pair of attaching holes respectively provided at
opposed side portions of said housing;

wherein a line between said pair of positioning holes and a line between said pair of
attaching holes intersect with each other substantially at a center of said package and further
wherein the line between the positioning holes is skewed with respect to each of four primary
side walls of the housing and the line between the attaching holes is skewed with respect to
each of the four primary side walls such that the line between the positioning holes and the
line between the attaching holes are each neither parallel nor perpendicular to any of the
primary side walls,

and further wherein a space between the positioning hole and the attaching hole at one
side is narrower than a diameter of either of the two holes. ~~neither line is located at a center
line of the device, such that it is perpendicular to any of the primary side walls.~~

2. (Original) The package according to claim 1:
wherein said semiconductor element is a solid-state imaging element.

3. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
a semiconductor element;

a housing containing said semiconductor element; and
a pair of positioning holes and a pair of attaching holes respectively provided at
opposed side portions of said housing;

wherein a line between said pair of positioning holes and a line between said pair of
attaching holes intersect with each other substantially at a center of said package,

and further wherein a space between the positioning hole and the attaching hole at one
side is narrower than a diameter of either of the two holes. ~~the line between the positioning
holes is skewed with respect to each of four primary side walls of the housing and the line
between the attaching holes is skewed with respect to each of the four primary side walls
such that the line between the positioning holes and the line between the attaching holes are
each neither parallel nor perpendicular to any of the primary side walls, and neither line is
located at a center line of the device which is perpendicular to the primary side walls.~~

4. (Original) The semiconductor device according to claim 3,
wherein said semiconductor element is a solid-state imaging element.

5. (Currently Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:
a semiconductor element;
a housing containing said semiconductor element,

a pair of attaching holes provided at opposed side portions of said housing at a surface of said package; and

a transparent member for sealing said semiconductor element in a recess portion;

wherein said surface of said housing is made to be higher than a top surface of said transparent member,

and further wherein a space between the positioning hole and the attaching hole at one side is narrower than a diameter of either of the two holes. ~~a line between said pair of positioning holes and a line between said pair of attaching holes intersect with each other substantially at a center of said package and further wherein the line between the positioning holes is skewed with respect to each of four primary side walls of the housing and the line between the attaching holes is skewed with respect to each of four primary side walls such that the line between the positioning holes and the line between the attaching holes are each neither parallel nor perpendicular to any of the primary side walls, and neither line is located at a center line of the device which is perpendicular to the primary side walls.~~

6. (Original) The semiconductor device housing according to claim 5,
wherein said semiconductor element is a solid-state imaging element.

Please add the following new claim:

7. (New) A package containing a semiconductor element comprising:
a housing containing a semiconductor element; and

a pair of positioning holes and a pair of attaching holes respectively provided at opposed side portions of said housing;

wherein a line between said pair of positioning holes and a line between said pair of attaching holes intersect with each other substantially at a center of said package and further wherein the line between the positioning holes is skewed with respect to each of four primary side walls of the housing and the line between the attaching holes is skewed with respect to each of the four primary side walls such that the line between the positioning holes and the line between the attaching holes are each neither parallel nor perpendicular to any of the primary side walls,

and further wherein the package is generally rectangular in shape and one positioning hole and one attaching hole is located on a first side of the package, and the second positioning hole and the second attaching hole are located on the opposite side such that the positioning holes are diametrically opposed in generally opposite quadrants of the package and the attaching holes are diametrically opposed in opposite quadrants of the package and a line generally bisecting the package in a central portion thereof separates the positioning holes and attaching holes.